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## Manager's Newsletter

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# Kitty Hawk Town Council Meeting Highlights - March 2009

- Sheila Davies made a presentation about the Dare County Substance Abuse Project.
- On behalf of the League of Woman Voters, Jeanette Anderson, presented the 2009 Citizens Guide and thanked Council for its support.
- The newly hired Coastal Reserve Manager, Bo Dame, introduced himself and invited everybody to come visit him.
- Council approved a resolution opposing Amendment 16 to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. This resolution implores suspending Amendment 16 implementation until after conducting and reviewing more comprehensive stock assessments.
- Council approved a resolution in support of funding for Oregon Inlet Dredging. This
  resolution calls on the Federal government and Congress to follow through with its
  commitment to make Oregon Inlet safer by establishing annual funding for
  dredging.

- Council approved a bid from Barnhill Contracting Co. to resurface and repair town streets.
- A Public Hearing was conducted on a Conditional Use Permit for an application to establish an indoor skateboard ramp at 158 Surf & Skate in the Dunes Shop. Council approved the permit.
- Council approved a text amendment to amend sections 20-1, 20-452, 20-455, 20-459 & 20-461 of the Town Code to permit and establish standards for the use of mobile vehicular signs subject to a variety of conditions.
- Council approved three calls for Public Hearing for the April 6, 2009 Council Meeting.
  - Text Amendment: Proposal to add Article VI, Stormwater Management to Chapter 7 of the Town Code setting minimum standards for on-site stormwater retention and management for office, commercial, multi-family residential and institutional uses requiring site plan review under Town Code Chapter 20, Subsection 20-55(a)(3).
  - Text Amendment: Proposal to update Chapter 19, Subdivisions, with revisions to the approval process, plat certification requirements, and development standards.
  - o **Text Amendment:** Proposal to amend section 20-437(8) by setting minimum width standards for drive aisles within parking lots and adding a new section 20-72 creating allowances for existing, nonconforming parking lots.
- Council adopted a Dangerous Animal Ordinance.
- Council approved a revised Municipality Waste Management agreement.
- Town Manager, John Stockton, gave a report on the rabid fox incident that occurred in Kitty Hawk on February 24, 2009

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### Kitty Hawk Town Council Adopts Dangerous Animal Ordinance

The Kitty Hawk Town Council adopted a dangerous animal ordinance on Monday, March 2, 2009 as a result of the passage of a similar ordinance by the Dare County Board of Commissioners on February 16, 2009.

The Kitty Hawk Ordinance allows for the Town Manager to enter into an inter-local agreement with Dare County to enforce the ordinance. In addition, the new ordinance can be enforced by a police officer.

Under the new ordinance, an animal can be seized by the County Animal Control and impounded until the County Health Director determines if the animal is dangerous. If an animal is determined to be dangerous, the owner of the animal has an appeal process that is reviewed by a three member board. If an owner wishes to appeal the determination of an animal further, they can appeal to the superior court.

If an animal is determined to be dangerous or potentially dangerous, the animal shall be humanely destroyed.

The County Board adopted their ordinance on February 16, 2009 with the intent to consider further modifications in the future. The Town Council will monitor any further changes made by the County and will discuss possible changes to the Town ordinance if necessary.

A more detailed copy of the ordinance has been entered into the newsletter in the event persons would like to review the ordinance in its entirety.

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# 2009 Regional Advisory Meeting Report NCCMT—February 19, 2009

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Cash Management Trust (NCCMT) Regional Advisory Board was held in late February. Board representative Mike Eubank, Kitty Hawk's Finance Officer, joined other Northeastern regional municipal and county finance officers and Trust representatives to share their respective area updates as the next year's budget planning begins. The NCCMT is a state approved organization providing North Carolina governments, hospitals, and school systems with investment depository accounts for cash and term investment funds. Additionally, the Trust provides periodic financial presentations and workshops gathered from recommendations of their advisory board members.

Staff members from the Trust provided 2008 year-end figures on statewide unemployment (8.7%), retail sales (-9%), and the national trend in median housing costs (-10%). These deepening trends will impact the taxes on retail sales, property, occupancy, land transfer, and permitting revenues for Dare County and local towns. Additionally, their staff expects the rate of return on locally deposited investments to remain around 1%, down from the 5% plus ranges of one year ago.

Consensus of those in attendance observed that all of the Northeastern counties and towns are currently experiencing significant negative impacts on their budgeted revenues due to both national and local economic conditions. As a result all local governments will be financially challenged to provide acceptable balanced budgets for the upcoming 09/10 fiscal year.

### Spring Forward - Daylight Saving Day

Don't forget this Sunday, March 8, 2009 is Daylight Saving Day. Set your clocks ahead by one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time.

### **Town of Kitty Hawk Closes Beach Access**

Maynard Beach Access is closed due to erosion. The re-open date is unknown at this time.

### Town of Kitty Hawk – Asphalt Overlay

The Town will be beginning street repairs in many areas of Kitty Hawk on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The streets that will be improved are Barlow Lane, Birch Lane, Birch Lane/Treasure Court, Shelby Avenue, Beacon Drive, Oak Run, Lindbergh Avenue/Balchen Street, Fonck Street, Bennett Street, Luke Street, Hawk Street, Palmer Drive, Grissom Street, Worthington Lane, and Shady Lane. Please bear with the contractors as they do these repairs. To report any problems or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 261-1367.

### Recycling in the Town of Kitty Hawk

The Town of Kitty Hawk is excited to announce a new voluntary subscription recycling program for residential customers.

This service will be provided once a week, on Mondays, for a monthly fee of \$8.95.

If you are interested in signing up for this voluntary service, please contact Outer Banks Hauling at 252-480-6699.

### Kitty Hawk Fire Department Emergency Calls - February 2009

During the month of February, 2009, the Kitty Hawk Fire Department responded to 38 calls for emergency service. The breakdown regarding the types of calls is as follows:

Automatic Aid (to Duck, Southern Shores, Colington)	8
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	2
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
EMS Calls	22
Vehicle accident with injuries	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	1
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
Assist invalid	2
Total	38

# Code Enforcement Activities For February 2009

CODE VIOLATIONS		
Notice of Violations Issued	3	
Civil Citations Issued	2	
Land Disturbance Activity	1	
Public Nuisance	1	
Abandon/Junk Vehicles	1	
Right of Way Encroachments		
Lighting Violations	3	
Site Plan Violations	1	
No Building Permit	1	
Home Occupations	4	
Signs Noise Violations	4	
Flood Ordinance	1	
TOTALS	18	
CAMA PERMITS		
Minor Permits	2	
Exemption Letters	1	
Beach Push Permits	_	
CAMA Violations Issued	2	
TOTALS	5	
BANNER PERMITS		
TOTALS	2	
OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMITS		
TOTALS	4	
FIRE INSPECTIONS		
Assembly		
Business	6	48 Violations
Mercantile	4	4 Violations
Educational		
Residential		
Industrial		
Manufacturing		
Hood System		
Storage		
Sprinkler Systems		
Re-inspections		
First	5	12 Violations Corrected
Second		
Third		
TOTALS	15	

## Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association 2009 Golf Tournament Saturday, May 30, 2009

Shotgun Start Time at 1:00 pm

## **Hosted by Duck Woods Golf Course**

50 S. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949

### **Tournament Details:**

The KHFDA Annual Golf Tournament is a Captain's Choice Tournament, limited to 30 teams. The cost per team for the tournament is \$320.00; the price includes golf cart, green fees, and a fish fry dinner at the completion of the tournament. Awards will be given to the top three teams in the Open Class and the top team made up of all firefighters from the same department.

To register your team or become a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Fire Department at 261-2666. Registration forms may also be downloaded from our website, <u>Kittyhawkfd.com</u>. Click on <u>KHFDA Golf</u> to access Open Team, Fire Department Team, and/or Sponsorship registration forms.

### Kudos to the Town of Kitty Hawk Fire and Police Departments

I'd like to thank the KHFD for their time and attention. It was late, cold, rainy and extremely windy. My outside electric line apparently had worn off the insulation and was grounding when it was hitting a metal hook and sparking against the side of my house. I called Dare Central at 10 pm and they sent KHFD. They saw the problem and contacted Dominion Power. It took NC Power about an hour to arrive. The engine company and the Fire Chief stayed for over an hour waiting for them to arrive in that awful weather. It was very comforting. The line was repaired last night and replaced today. I'd just like to thank the KHFD for being so efficient and kind under ugly conditions. Thank you for allowing me to share. Linda Barnhart - 4000 VA Dare Trail.

On behalf of the staff of BB & T, Kitty Hawk Branch, I would like to thank you and Detective Styons for conducting our Security Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> in regards to Robbery Procedures. The meeting was very informative. All of your knowledge, expertise, and time were very much appreciated. Thank you again for all of your time and everything you both do for BB & T and the Community. Kathy Cale

### **Town Building Inspector Receives Training**

Dennis Speight received 24 hours of continuing education on February 23-26 at the Building Code Seminar. 12 hours were for building, 6 hours for Plumbing, and 6 hours for Mechanical.

### **Beach Access Campaign Launches Website**

An informative and inter-active website has been launched by the grassroots campaign to preserve access to America's beaches. The website address is **PreserveBeachAccess.org** and features comprehensive coverage about the issue of beach access in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA). The campaign is supported by the Dare County Board of Commissioners in partnership with the Dare County Tourism Board.

**PreserveBeachAccess.org** explains the history of the first National Seashore and how it was created with the solemn promise, to the people of Dare County, that recreational access would never be denied. A variety of "My Story" videos share personal experiences of how lives and businesses have been negatively impacted by the restrictions imposed last year by the consent decree.

A vital part of preserving beach access is building a database of support from residents and visitors. "Act Now" is an on-line opportunity to join the grassroots campaign at **PreserveBeachAccess.org** and show you care about beach access. As legislative issues arise, those in the database will automatically be kept informed and learn how to take appropriate action in support of open and accessible beaches.

In launching the website, Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Warren Judge said, "Our people have been hurt by the efforts to restrict beach access." He explained, "PreserveBeachAccess.org is a reliable source where people can get honest information about the issue and help preserve our culture, history and way of life."

An update on beach access legislation re-introduced by Congressman Walter Jones and a diary of Jimmy Buffett's most recent visit to the beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area can now be seen at **PreserveBeachAccess.org**.

Residents and visitors of Dare County are encouraged to visit the website regularly for the latest beach access information and bookmark **PreserveBeachAccess.org** as a favorite site on their computer.

### **Opportunities to Participate**

### **Heritage Day Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6 p.m.

### **Recreation Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)